

Oakville School.

In 1890, the patrons of this school built a house twenty feet wide and thirty feet long, which resembled a car-box, as it had a flat tin roof. This little "Car-box" as it was called, was celled, and had an old-time broad fire place, and rustic benches. The first teacher was Mr. James Madden. In 1907, Mrs. R. E. Boyd was elected to teach this school. She taught three sessions and during this time, a map, fifteen desks, and a small library were purchased.

In the summer of 1910, this old house was moved away, and a new building was erected on the Clemson plan. It is painted on the outside, and is equipped with modern improvements. Miss Carrie Langston taught during the sessions of 1910-11 and 1911-12.

Miss Bertha Jacobs is teaching the school this session. It will run at

least seven months, while in the past it has run only six months. Sixty-one pupils have been enrolled, (as to number, this is about the same as for



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the past five years), and there are eight grades. On account of mumps getting into the school, there is only

one pupil now who has not missed a day this session. Thirteen pupils are taking the School Journal.

J. C. McDaniel, Jr., and John Rapphy Owings have joined the Corn club this year. This session we have bought five pictures for our schoolroom and the trustees bought a nice desk and chair for the teacher and also a globe for the school. In fact, our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Jacobs whom we all love dearly.

Charlie Kesler,
Eighth Grade.

Barksdale School.

The Barksdale school was organized in 1895 with Mr. Mac Bryson as the first teacher. The land on which the school house is now built was given by Mrs. C. B. Davall of Laurens for school purposes so long as the school is kept up, but is to go back to the

original owner if the school building is removed or if the school is suspended for any length of time.

Up to 1909 the school employed only one teacher, Miss Mae Putnam being the last to teach the school until the employment of two teachers. Misses Ella Wilkey and Amanda Mars were the first two teachers engaged under this plan. Since that time the school has employed Misses Maggie Garlington and Mary Teague; Misses Mae Porter and Mary Teague; and Misses Carrie Lei Havird and Amy Shockley, the present teachers of the school.

The school term, as in other rural schools varies. Last year the school was run for eight months, but this year it will only be a seven month's term. During this session fifty-six pupils have been enrolled. Out of this number twelve did not attend forty days. In 1908 there were forty-eight pupils enrolled; 1909, sixty-one;

1910, fifty-one; and 1911, sixty-seven. There are eleven children in Dials No. 6 who are not attending school. The number of grades taught are nine. In our school there are only three subscribers to the School Journal. One pupil, Bettie Mae Bishop, will receive the perfect attendance button. The trustees of the school are W. W. Yeargin, D. E. Todd and Will Barksdale.

This year the school cleared twelve dollars and forty cents (\$12.40). The money was used for buying two water coolers, two pictures, and some books for the library.

The school is at present run on a two mill tax, but efforts are now being made to vote an extra three mill tax, making five mills in all. This is hoped to be accomplished by next Fall.

Belfast School.

Our school was founded in 1897,

with Miss Alice Little of Clinton, as our first teacher. The school building is located on the line between Newberry and Laurens counties. The portion of the district which is in Laurens county is known as district No. 7, while the Newberry side is No. 57.

Our school has run for nine months in the year, every year since it was founded, except one or two. We have had eleven teachers during the time, and all were good ones. Our teacher at present is Miss Lois Ervin, and we can't help but feel that she is the best yet. We now have an enrollment of 32.

We have many improvements, such as new desks, water cooler, maps, library, globes, new blackboards, etc. When we get the new house, together with our present teacher, and these improvements, we will have one of the most up-to-date schools in either of the two counties.

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